



City of Hayward Dental Amalgam Recovery Program

Green Business Certification for Dental Practices

Fact Sheet



The **Bay Area Green Business Program** is a partnership of local government agencies and utilities, including the **City of Hayward**. It assists local businesses to comply with environmental regulations, and verifies that participating businesses conserve energy and water, minimize waste, prevent pollution, and shrink their carbon footprint. The Program promotes **Green Businesses** with environmentally sustainable business practices to the public through....

- The Bay Area Green Business Program Web Site and Public Directory
- Promotions at community events
- Green Business Logo to use in advertising

Being Green is Rewarding

A green business is recognized as an environmental leader, and holds a marketing edge over other competitors. By making your dental practice green, you will increase operating efficiency and profits, conserve resources, reduce waste, and prevent pollution. You will receive **free** on-site consultation and business promotions at **no-cost**. There will be coordinated inspection to assist you to comply with applicable environmental regulations.

What Do You Have to Do

- Comply with applicable environmental regulations
- Conserve resources, prevent pollution, and reduce waste
- Pledge to stay **Green**
- Apply for the Green Business certification

You may be already doing enough to qualify. Use a Green Business checklist to select and record what you are doing to green your operations. Some actions dental practices can take include using water efficient models of steam sterilizers with automatic shutoff, recycling device for X-ray film processing water, signs to turn off tap while brushing teeth, and purchasing small quantities of dental materials that need not be discarded because of shelf life expiration.

For More Information

Visit the **Bay Area Green Business Program** website: <http://www.greenbusinessca.org/> or contact Alameda County Green Business Program Coordinator: Pamela Evans: pamela.evans@acgov.org.

You can also find links to the Green Business Program at the **City of Hayward** website: <http://user.govoutreach.com/hayward/faq.php?cid=10906> or receive information by calling: **City of Hayward, Water Pollution Source Control** at (510) 881-7900.

Make a Difference, Get Green